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Applicant : Taka Aki Sato
Serial No.: 09/809,920 Examiner: Mary Schmidt
Filed : March 16, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1635
For : TREX, A NOVEL GENE OF TRAF-INTERACTING EXT GENE
FAMILY AND DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USES
THEREOF

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April 22, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 22, 2002
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a November 22, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the November 22, 2002 Office Action was originally due on February 22, 2003. Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time. Applicant has previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$205.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the November 22, 2002 Office Action is now due April 22, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

 X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
has been established by a verified statement previously
submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under
37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is enclosed.

 X No additional fee is required, other than the enclosed \$205.00
for the two-month extension of time.

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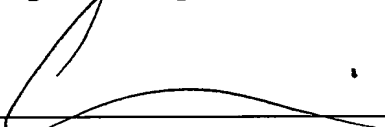
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 X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

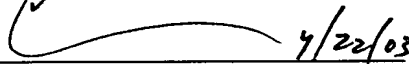
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